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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gerritsen, *et al.*

Serial No. 09/684,458

Filing Date: October 5, 2000

For NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, THEIR
NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND METHODS
FOR THEIR USE IN
ANGIOGENESIS AND
VASCULARIZATION

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 66 without prejudice to its prosecution in continuation or divisional applications.

Please amend claims 24-30, 32, 60, 63 and 67 to read as follows:

24. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 80% sequence identity to the sequence of amino acid residues from about 1 to about 577 of SEQ ID NO:2.